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Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 09/965,233 filed on September 25, 2001

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(inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

for METHOD OF CHEMICAL MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION

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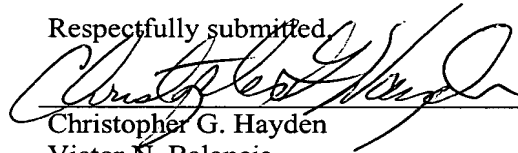
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- 4a. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
- 4b. ☐ Informal drawings are enclosed.
- 5a. ☐ Priority of application no. filed on in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
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6. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to EKC Technology..
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